



Valuing Archaeological Perspectives

“Valuing Historic Perspectives” is the theme of the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference in Tucson (June 22nd - June 24th). This year will have a broad archaeological focus starting with our keynote speaker Ian George from England. He will provide us with an English view of how our historic preservation systems work.

Ian specialized in early human origins at Sheffield University. A year spent excavating in the United Kingdom and Peru persuaded him that archaeology would be an interesting career, so he undertook an MA in Archaeological Sciences at the University of Bradford.

His passion for public archaeology persuaded him to found the popular Lincolnshire Archaeology Day. After three years as the Archaeology Officer in the historic city of Lincoln he began work as an Inspector of Ancient Monuments for English Heritage in the West Midlands, a job he continues to hold Cont on page 3

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Program Manager's Pen

Carol Griffith, Deputy SHPO for the State of Arizona, has retired after 20 years. Carol (as most of you probably know) is one of the advising archaeologists in charge of making sure that the Site Stewards Program is run according to best practices. Originally, she came to SHPO as a Grants Manager for the Historic Preservation Fund but for the last 18 years she has kept all those construction people compliant with the federal and state archaeological mandates.

What Carol said she liked best about her job "was the people: the highly qualified, very professional, very knowledgeable, people throughout the entire program... that opened a whole area of knowledge and new information for me". What Carol found the most heartbreaking about her job is when her projects are not fully able to address the needs of the tribes and their properties; but, she saw that as a challenge and believes if everyone works together we can solve these issues.

Carol says the times she worked with the Site Steward Program have been very rewarding and she was amazed at the dedication of the stewards and how much they have done for the state. At national meetings people come up to her and told her about how our program has been a model for other national site steward initiatives and that we are viewed in a positive light nationally for our programs. It's been humbling but rewarding and wonderful for her to hear that from people around the country. Carol's future plans include helping out with the Historic Preservation conference and working for a few hours each week to tie up some loose ends at the office.

We will all miss Carol's knowledge, humor, and integrity at SHPO and will try not to beg too hard to get her back. But, after a generation of hard work at this office we all want to say, "Enjoy your retirement. You've earned it!"

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (602) 542-7389 or kmclean@azstateparks.gov

Kristen McLean
Site Steward Program Coordinator

SHPO Message cont.

Other conference sessions will include:

‘Historic Preservation from a Rural Perspective: Pima County’s Historic Preservation Program’

Presented by Kerry Baldwin; Simon Herbert and Loy Neff

Introduction to Prehistoric Analyses in Arizona

Presented by Ms. Deborah Ferguson, Ms. Andrea Gregory, Dr. Glenn Stuart, and Dr. Joanne Taktikos.

This workshop provides an introduction to the archaeological analysis of ceramics, stone, faunal bone, shell, and plant remains. Presentations will be informal, with questions from the audience welcomed.

New Archaeological Discoveries and Challenges in National Park Service Units along the Arizona/Mexico Border

Presented by Duane C. Hubbard, Jacob DeGayner, James P. Holmlund and Dr. Bruce Huckell.

Apaches, Buffalo Soldiers and the Forest Service: An Exercise in Collaborative Archaeology

Presented by Nicholas Laluk, William Gillespie, Mark Altaha, Mae Burnette, Holly Houghton, Arden Comanche and Chris Adams.

Archaeology and the Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit Project

Presented by Ms. Glennnda Luhnnow and Dr. Glenn Stuart.

And The Basics of Historical Period Artifact Identification (Pre-Conference Workshop)

Speaker: Terry Majewski, PhD, Statistical Research, Inc.

I hope that many of you will find these topics of interest and that you will consider joining us in Tucson. Go to the website AZpreservation.com and check it out.

Jim Garrison--SHPO

Announcements

As everyone has heard by now, I am back (for a few months anyway) as site steward coordinator. Thank you Nicole for keeping the program vibrant and growing while I was away.

Our most important announcement is our ever popular Site Steward Appreciation and Training program. This year it is being held at Catalina State Park. Reservation forms and detailed information can be found at the end of the newsletter.

The Land Manager’s meeting is February 22 at the downtown Phoenix office. There are a lot of important changes coming down the line for the LMs. Please try to make this meeting.

At the SHPO we are pleased to introduce Erick Laurila. Erick is an archaeologist who completed graduate studies at Northern Arizona University. Mr. Laurila’s Masters thesis research involved the study of the prehistoric and historic upland landscape on Achill Island, Ireland using archaeological and ethnohistoric data. Additionally, Erick used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to examine possible motivations for building a megalithic monument within an upland landscape. His research interests include spatial analyses of land-use strategies. Prior to joining SHPO, Mr. Laurila worked in Arizona for most of the past five years as an archaeologist with private consulting firms and in New Mexico with the US Forest Service.

REGIONAL NEWS

PRESCOTT REGION

Fred Kraps was recently elected to the presidency of the Yavapai Chapter of the AAS and has also assumed some duties at the State level. Feeling that this would keep him busy enough, he turned over the RC duties of Region 22 to the Assistant RC, Judy Stoycheff. A few Site Stewards have retired and we understand that George S, a ten year volunteer will retire in the Spring, after he has recruited and seen his "replacements" trained and oriented to his former sites. We do anticipate having a training session in March or April, which will be available to other Regions as well. Despite the cold and snow, we have had some vandalism, but thankfully, it has been relatively minor.

Judy Stoycheff

RC. District 22



FLAGSTAFF REGION

The Site Stewards in the Flagstaff Region have expanded the scope of the work they have been doing in recent years to support the Flagstaff Ranger District in the Coconino National Forest. While monitoring prehistoric and historic sites they have become quite familiar with the landscape in the region and began to be interested in doing more than just monitoring specific sites. An opportunity to do so presented itself when it was learned that a number of sites needed to be relocated that had been originally found and recorded at a Field School operated by Dr. Christian Downum of Northern Arizona University (NAU) in the 1990s. Bern Carey, Flagstaff Regional Coordinator, who is retired from NAU was talking to Dr. Downum and learned that Dr. Downum had extensive Field School site files that had not been entered into the Coconino National Forest site records. Dr. Downum turned those files over to Bern Carey who sorted through the files to find any records for sites which are located in the Coconino National Forest. records for 75 such sites were found in Dr. Downum's files. Working with Mr. Jeremy Haines, Coconino National Forest District Archaeologist, the files were all scanned in preparation for entering into the official Coconino National Forest records. However, before doing so all of the sites had to be relocated and checked in the field. That itself has been a challenging and time-consuming activity. Site Steward Christine Stephenson volunteered to lead that effort. Christine has been assisted in her work by Site Stewards Joe Jordan, Nancy Jordan and Rich Rogers. Although Dr. Downum was able to use early GPS technology in the early 1990s many of the site coordinates did not match the actual site locations. Over a period of a year they have been systematically working their way through the list of the Downum Field School sites, walking many miles through the pinyon-juniper forest, relocating each site, recording accurate site coordinates using the NAD83 UTM datum that is the Coconino National Forest standard, and adding to or correcting the site descriptions as necessary. They completed the work of relocating all of the Downum Field School sites as of Jan 30, 2011. The next step will be to work with Mr. Haines on updating the site records and getting the site information into the Coconino National Forest digital data bases. Many of the sites will have to be revisited to add official site tags to the sites once Mr. Haines has assigned official Coconino National Forest site numbers. Some of the sites may also require further analysis of surface artifacts to add to the original Field School data when such is determined to be incomplete. This has been a very significant piece of work by Christine, Joe, Nancy and Rich that adds to the knowledge of prehistoric sites in the Flagstaff Region and provides the Coconino National Forest with more information to better manage its archaeological resources. Congratulation to Christine, Joe, Nancy and Rich. The Coconino National Forest archaeologists are now considering other blocks of land in which to relocate sites in which pre-GPS site coordinates and records need to be updated.

Bern Carey

RC district 18





SALT RIVER REGION

Since August, 2010, the Salt River Region has been led by three Regional co-coordinators. JJ Golio and Lori Greenstein, both with long experience in the Site Steward program, are joined by newcomer Jo Brookshier.

Our focus these first several months has been on determining who are active Stewards in the Salt River region, getting out on numerous site visits, determining who might need assistance in the online Activity Report procedure, and working toward being certain all of our sites are being monitored.

From September through January, we've had ten organized site visits, involving 25 different Stewards. Four site visits are scheduled for February. JJ has created a website, <http://www.golio.net/SiteSteward.html>, where Salt River Stewards can get information about upcoming events.

If anyone who believes they are assigned to the Salt River Region has not been contacted during the last several months, please send an e-mail to JJ Golio, jjgolio@aol.com, or Lori Greenstein, oldbroad@cox.net, or Jo Brookshier, jobrook@cox.net. We don't want anyone left out of exciting times for the Salt River Region.

JJ GOLIO
Co-RC District 9P



HASSAYAMPA REGION

No news is good news. No vandalism this quarter. But we hope to have some field visits in the new future as soon as I heal up a bit from my foot surgery.

Shelley Rasmussen
RC District 9H



CENTRAL REGION

We had some interesting vandalism., Someone left a 20 foot boat ontop of some ruins at Apache Sitgreave Forest. Our estimable RC Greg has almost finished getting the sites back into order and we will begin the lookout for stewards in the eastern reaches of the county.

Kristen McLean
Co RC District 9A



AGUA FRIA / BUMBLE BEE REGION

This Fall a petroglyph site on the Agua Fria National Monument was badly vandalized. It is not located on Perry Mesa but the northern area of the Monument near Cordes Junction. The site was not in the Site Steward Program but has since been added. BLM has offered a substantial reward for the apprehension of the vandals and we all hope they will be brought to justice. It may be possible to remove the ugly, spray painted graffiti.

Many thanks for the many hours you are putting in.
Lila Elam
RC District 9S



KINGMAN REGION

For the last couple of years now we have been working on reviewing our regions sites and updating information about them as we have many sites that have little or no information about them. These sites have no recent records of monitoring as well. It is a slow process but we have made some headway.

Last fall we trained on the new online reporting system and most everybody is on board with that. We had new SS training for three new stewards and they have all been assigned sites as well, so we are moving forward.

Larry Mozis
RC District 17



CAVE CREEK REGION

Members of the Cave Creek district (9c), along with Arizona Rock Art Coalition members and Tonto National Forest volunteers, are embarked upon an effort to record rock art in the Horseshoe Lake Basin on the lower Verde River. This area is archaeologically rich in artifacts and rock art. It contains one of the longest pre-Columbian aqueducts in North America as well as evidence of all the region's early cultural groups.

Site Steward Volunteers have been involved with the typical rock art field documentation activities of data collection, mapping and photography and in digital elevation modeling. The benefit of these activities is widespread. The Tonto National Forest benefits through preservation of it's cultural resources. The Cave Creek Ranger District, within the Forest, benefits through better understanding of how the Arizona Cliff Rose is distributed. Individual Volunteers benefit by helping to answer one of the burning questions in Central Arizona rock art: is Hohokam Creation Mythology reflected in rock art?

Bill Nightwine
RC District 9c



NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA

In June Sandra Arazi-Coombs, Archaeologist for the Lakeside Ranger District of the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, requested the help of 4 Site Stewards from our region to assist their field crew in surveying and recording a newly discovered site. The site had been recently been vandalized and they needed to document the main features and establish the site's boundary before security observation equipment was installed. The task included drawing the surface features, walking the area to establish the boundary, marking concentrations of artifact scatter, and recording the type and number of artifacts in a specified test section. Thank you Dan, Michael, Carol and Jo Ann for assisting with this project.

In October, Site Stewards from Region 16/19, combined with AAS members for a tour of one of the oldest petrified wood rock shops in Arizona, and two private petroglyph sites. The first stop was at the Dobell Museum and Rock Shop located off Highway 180 near Holbrook. Our next stop was at a small side canyon that drains into the Little Colorado River, near Holbrook. The petroglyphs at this site are thought to be mostly Pueblo III with a few earlier petroglyphs that may date to the basket maker periods. Every thing was calm until one of our Site Stewards nearly stepped on a rattlesnake. She was fast, the snake was cold, and all ended well.

Site Stewards from our regions were invited to take part in Volunteer Day for the Lake Side Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Our objective was to survey and record the historic Dipping Springs Ranch there. On November 20, 2010 our region held a training session on bone identification. Jason Theuer, archaeologist at the Petrified Forest National Park, conducted this very informative workshop.

Jo Ann Weldon, RC
Region 16/19



AJO REGION

Good news. The National Park Service has agreed to remove the dam, impounded silts and vegetation above the Wild Horse Tank pictographs in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. A brief recap of the problem and its identification are as follows. Richard T., a site steward in the Ajo Region, has monitored the site for the past 11 years. In late 2008 Richard reported that the "salts", which have been visible for some time on the pictographs, appeared to be building up at an accelerated rate. Through an agreement with ORPI, Ajo Site Stewards and an Organ Pipe intern thoroughly recorded the pictographs in March of 2009. A report completed by the site stewards made a strong case that the water impounded by the Historic era dam above the pictographs is the cause of the "salts", cracks in the porous rock are allowing water to seep through into the rock shelter and pictographs immediately below. A copy of the report was passed onto Peter Steere and Joe Joaquin from the Tohono O'odham Nation and Adrienne Rankin at the BMGR. After numerous meetings, comments by the archaeologists and finally a report by a National Park hydrologist the conclusion is adequately summarized by Joe Joaquin "the dam has to go." Ajo Site Stewards, volunteers from the Nation and ORPI personnel will assemble April 6th, 2011 to remove the silts, vegetation and a section of the dam.

Rick & Sandy Martynec
RC District 23



LOWER SAN PEDRO REGION

The Lower San Pedro region obtained a new Regional Coordinator last summer. Beth Krueger took over for me as RC. Beth lives in Oracle and teaches at Central Arizona College. She has been very active in the program, volunteering to monitor sites in both the Tucson region and the Lower San Pedro region. We just received news that Beth was selected as the foreign exchange teacher by Central Arizona College this year. She is on her way to China for 6 months. We wish her well. What a great opportunity for her. Go Beth!

As Co-Coordinator for the District, I will be working with Maria Troutner, the Assistant Coordinator to do some training and encourage stewards to complete their activity reports on the Web. There are 18 active site stewards in this region. Last year, we did some training at sites on private land in the Redington/Cascabel area. It provided an opportunity to take in the spectacular spring wildflowers. We are planning to do the same this year. I would also encourage all the stewards to attend the annual conference in Tucson this year which is taking place on April 2nd.

**by Jacquie Dale,
Co-Coordinator District 36**

Site stewards visit ball court site in Lower San Pedro Region in Spring 2010.
Photo by Jim Flood.



SITE STEWARD CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Please join us at the 2011 Site Steward conference at Catalina State Park. The Park, the Tucson Region Site Stewards and The Hilton El Conquistador in Oro Valley are hosting our spectacular Site Steward Training and Appreciation dinner. All events are free to site stewards throughout the state.

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 1, at CATALINA STATE PARK

4:00pm	Check-in for Campers
6:00pm	Brown Bag Dinner and Speaker
7:00pm	Campfire and Star gazing

Saturday Morning, April 2 at CATALINA STATE PARK

(Saturday Morning Sessions are directed towards the interests of Arizona State Parks Volunteers, but Site Stewards are welcome to join us if interested)

7:00am	Breakfast for campers
8:00am	Guided Hikes – Plants & Birds of Catalina
9:00am	Training Sessions: The Role of Friends Groups at Parks Be Outdoors Arizona
10:00am	Training Sessions: Update on Arizona State Parks Situation Interdisciplinary Science at Catalina State Parks
11:30am	Recognition Lunch for Arizona State Parks Volunteers

Saturday Afternoon, April 2 at CATALINA STATE PARK

1:00pm	Romero Ruins hike or trail ride
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Saturday Afternoon, April 2 at HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR HOTEL

1:00-2:00	Registration at El Conquistador
2:15-4:00	Crime Scene Investigation Training
4:00-5:00	GPS/GSI or Artifact Identification Sessions
5:15-5:45	Silent Auction and Reception
6:00-8:30	Dinner and Site Steward Award Presentations

Sunday April 3

9:30 Indian Town Tour

SITE VISITS

Romero Ruins (viewed below) is the first Site Steward tour on Saturday afternoon April 2. It's an exciting multi-component site that's an easy hike through the Catalina foothills. Bill Gillespie, Forest Service archaeologist extraordinaire, will lead the tour.



For those who want to include their four footed friends in their tours, a horse ride through the Catalina foothills is available on Saturday afternoon. A \$40.00 fee is required for this event.

Our final tour is Indian Town on Sunday morning, April 3. Located just northwest of Tucson this expansive Pima village is one of the highlights for any archy type person visiting the state.

Saturday afternoon is **the** training day. We are encouraging everyone to attend the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) program. We were fortunate enough to get two of the top federal agents in Arizona, Garry Cantley and Robert Vaikus, who are involved with the enforcement of cultural preservation laws throughout the state.

The GSI/GPS class is being led by our new SHPO compliance officer Erick Laurila. His bio is on page three under announcements. Erick will help us get prepared as we undertake the new "GPS every darn site in our inventory so we can finally find them" project.

Finally, we have the ever-popular artifact identification class. This class is designed for those who want to be able to tell a majolica from a Kayenta ware or a rhyolite flake from a quartzite pebble.

DIRECTIONS

Catalina State Park is located at 1570 N. Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85737. If you are coming from the south, you can reach the 5,493-acre park by driving north on Oracle Road or Highway 77 and watching for signs. It is 10 miles north of Tucson, just after you cross Cañada del Oro Wash.

If you are coming from the north, head south on I-10 and take the Tangerine Rd exit east (left) all the way till you dead end at Oracle Rd. Turn right at N Oracle Rd and the park is on your left about 1 mile down.

The El Conquistador (10000 N Oracle road) is a mile south of Catalina State Park on the east side of the road. They were really willing to work with us to provide reasonably priced rooms and meals for our event.

ACCOMMODATIONS

For those planning on making this a multi-day event, there are several housing options available. Catalina State Park has both camper and primitive camping available. Camping Fees:

Non-Electric site: free for site stewards on April 1-3

Electric site: \$25

Please contact the park at (520) 628-5798 for reservations of electric sites. Reserve non-electric sites with your conference reservation.

The Hilton El Conquistador (520-544-5000) is a four star resort and has cut us a great deal on room prices. Please mention you are with the Arizona State Parks Site Steward convention when you call to make your reservations.

Other hotels across from the Park include the Holiday Inn Express (888) 465-4329 and the Wingate call (520) 544 – 2100 call for prices and reservations.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please open your browser and go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VolVent_SiteStReg

OR

Email Kristen at kmclean@azstateparks.gov with the following information:

- a. Name
- b. Email address and/or phone number
- c. Sessions and tours that you will be attending
- d. Accommodations

REGISTRATION OPENS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2011

REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2011

(so we can give dinner #'s to the hotel in time)

CALL FOR SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL SITE STEWARD SILENT AUCTION!

Once again we will be holding the ever popular Site Steward Silent Auction at the Hilton El Conquistador Hotel. The proceeds from last year's successful auction are being used to host our annual Land Manager's meeting, and several Site Steward Trainings.

So, please consider donating an item or two for the auction, and come prepared to bid on the many wonderful things that our Stewards either make or donate, or beg someone else to donate to our great cause!

Please contact Kristen (at e-mail address above or 602-542-7389) to let us know what you are bringing. Thanks so much!

ARIZONA HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

As Jim Garrison noted in his article, the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Tucson in June. Due to the generosity of our partners, we are able to offer ten (10) \$65 scholarships to any current Site Steward who would like to attend the conference (full conference fee is \$225, so the scholarship would pay a portion) OR who would like to attend just the pre-conference artifact identification sessions on June 22nd (prehistoric in the morning, historic in the afternoon) – cost of the pre-conference sessions is \$65, so your total pre-conference sessions would be covered.

The first ten Site Stewards to apply will receive scholarships: Email Kmclean@azstateparks.gov to apply.

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